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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

No. 2010-0049

**SUBJECT: Guidelines on the Utilization of Sub-Allotment from the National Tuberculosis Control Program Funds for the payment of services for the Strengthening of TB Laboratory Network by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine-National Reference Laboratory (RITM-NTRL).**

**I. Rationale**

The National TB Reference Laboratory, as Central Laboratory, has four major functions namely, management and administration, Laboratory services, policy, planning and research and data management system. NTRL take the lead in developing capabilities by providing leadership in the up scaling and expansion of PMDT activities through preparation of plans and policies, EQA, training, quality laboratory network services and for the development and implementation of research related studies in relation to diagnostic operations.

The Laboratory strengthening provides support for TB services to improve the External Quality Assessment (EQA) of sputum smear microscopy in all microscopy centers including PMDT units. Facing the ominous menace of multi drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR TB) and the escalating HIV epidemic, TB culture is the gold standard diagnostic procedure for Drug Resistance Tuberculosis (DRTB) cases.

Capabilities in performing culture and drug susceptibility testing (DST) which are very crucial to its strengthening process should be developed by the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory for the entire TB Laboratory Network. Thus, additional manpower has been hired to complement and augment the organic staff of NTRL in response to the ominous MDR-TB cases under the PMDT.

**II. Objective**

To augment funds for salaries and wages of contractual staff based at NTRL

**III. General Guidelines**

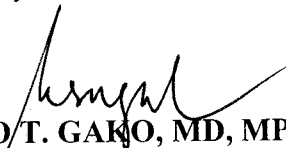
1. The Infectious Disease Office, NCDPC shall sub-allot a total amount of **Seven Hundred Seventy One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Pesos & 67/100 (P 771,875.67)** from the TB Control Program funds (2009 CONAP) to the National Tuberculosis Reference Laboratory (NTRL) through the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) to cover the cost of salaries and wages of contractual personnel from January to March 2010.

**2. Breakdown:**

January 2010	257,291.89
February 2010	257,291.89
March 2010	<u>257,291.89</u>
<b>TOTAL P</b>	<b><u>771,875.67</u></b>

3. The Director of the RITM, shall ensure that the budget/accounting division are properly informed of these guidelines.
4. The NTRL-RITM shall ensure submission of the Liquidation Reports noted/approved by the RITM Director to the DOH Finance Service, copy furnished TB Unit-IDO, NCDPC, DOH, Manila;
5. The expenditures from the sub-allotted funds are subject to the usual government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:

  
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